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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CASTEN).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 25, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SEAN CASTEN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

SMALL BUSINESSES SUSTAIN OUR ECONOMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in strong support of America's small businesses.

Nearly half of American workers are employed by small businesses, and their livelihoods are being threatened by new taxes and new regulations that are being proposed by the administration and liberals in Congress.

In the past year already, our small businesses have been hamstrung by arbitrary lockdown orders that have stunted growth and strained our recovery.

Now they are being squeezed even harder by supply chain issues and labor shortages caused by President Biden's policy of paying workers to remain at home.

Now the President is refusing to address the crisis that his administration has caused.

Recently, I visited Guy Chemical in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. The supply chain issues that they face have delayed shipments for months.

Problems ranging from backlogs at the Port of Los Angeles to a lack of truck drivers on our Nation's highways have resulted in shortages and backlogs that are straining businesses that actually hold our communities together. Small businesses are truly the backbone of our economy.

Let's be clear: This administration's failed policies are threatening these American small businesses.

To make matters even worse, some Members of this body are now threatening to impose new taxes that would take as much as 39 percent of revenues away from these vital small businesses. This wasteful taxation directly harms the Americans that work for small businesses and rely on them for their daily needs and for their paychecks.

Now is the time to put a stop to this tax-and-spend spree.

Now is the time to stand up for the small businesses that truly sustain our economy.

And now is the time to put Americans first and not the liberal politicians.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FOSTER) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Receive our prayers this day, O Lord. Receive them and supply us in our need. For our prayers reflect the disquiet of our lives, the need for answers, the need for encouragement, the need for relief from conflict and worry.

Remind us that what we want can only be found in You. You are the source of all knowledge, the source of our strength, the source of lasting peace.

By Your divine power You have given us everything we need to live, and all You ask of us is to live a Godly life, a life where we refrain from the vain expectation that our needs can be satisfied by anything or anyone but You.

Give us the will to accept that our contentment is found only in You. Give us the understanding that Godliness, an attitude attuned to Your divine power and provision, gains us all we desire.

So may we direct our restless hearts to live a righteous life, that we would live contented in the bounty of Your righteousness.

In Your strong and sufficient name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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